



# SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB

## W4NT

*THE  
SOUTH'S  
PREMIER  
DX CLUB*

December 1995

### **NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION**

Tuesday, December 19th, 7:30 PM, Old Hickory House  
in the Days Inn, Roswell Rd., just inside I-285.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**-Steve Schmidt, KR4DL, President**

As this newsletter goes to print, we have just finalized our selection for the club's representative at WRTC-96 (the second World Radiosport Team Championship) to be held in San Francisco the weekend of July 13 and 14, 1996 in conjunction with the IARU HF World Championship.

The contesters in the running were Bob Allphin, K4UEE, and John Laney, K4BAI. Bill, KM9P, withdrew his application. Both John and Bob expressed an interest in attending as the club's representative and submitted resumes to me for use by the selection committee. I was, basically, awed by the listed experience in both resumes. We have some real heavyweight contest operators in the club! It was a very difficult decision; the committee expressed some frustration that we couldn't award both candidates a selection.

John Laney, K4BAI is the choice to represent the Southeastern DX Club in the WRTC-96. His resume included twelve (12) pages of high-scoring contest results, both foreign and domestic. His list of #1 finishes in the ARRL Sweepstakes alone stretches back to 1956. The committee agreed to make Bob Allphin, K4UEE the choice as first alternate in the event John is, for some reason, unable to go. Realistically, Bob will not likely be available if that time comes. With at least six World Records under his belt, one stillstanding, he is a prime candidate for an at-large Team Leader position and would certainly be a terrific partner for another Team Leader. I am very proud to be associated with both of these outstanding contesters and only wish the honor could go to both members.

Speaking of contests, I made a low power CW

effort in the ARRL 10 Meter contest again this year; that band is now truly dead. It almost seemed the brief openings were to specific states! Conditions were much worse than last year. I suppose it's time to focus on the lower bands. Are you working on your 160 meter antennas? I'll be looking for some commitments for high scores in the CQWW 160 contests. I was surprised to see how few entries were listed in the results for last year's 160 CW contest. We'll discuss this some more at the meeting. I wish you all the best of the holiday season and a happy new year.

Hope to see you tuesday night.

73, Steve, KR4DL

### **FROM THE VP**

**by Sonny Marsh, KE4LDJ, VP**

Hello everyone. Each organization must have new members to sustain itself, and that is certainly true in amateur radio. I don't know how you got started in this hobby, but I got involved in a special program when I was away at prep school. My amateur radio background and interest in electronics had a strong bearing on the directions my life has taken.

At Tuesday night's meeting our speaker will talk to us about getting our younger folks into radio. One of our members, Jim Stafford, W4QO, will cover ways to involve youth in amateur radio, specifically the "RadioACTIVE™ Schools Program". Jim was the 1992 ARRL Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year, and the 1994 AEA Amateur Ambassador Award recipient.

This program should be of interest to all of us. Hope to see you there.

-73, Sonny, KE4LDJ

## MINUTES, SEDXC MEETING 11/21/95

-Buddy Harrell, W4OUN, Sec.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:55 PM. There was a late start time because of problems getting service in the restaurant. After the usual round of introductions, everyone was requested to sign the attendance list. It was motioned, seconded, and approved that the minutes from the last meeting be accepted.

It was sadly reported that AD4NQ is a Silent Key, victim of a tower climbing accident. There was discussion of donations for a fund in his memory. A decision on matching funds will be voted on at the next meeting. There should be additional information about this elsewhere in the bulletin.

Development of a membership list is currently in process.

### NEW BUSINESS

A question was raised concerning the purpose of Packet Cluster fund, whether it is included in the club balance, and which of the sysops benefit from the fund. It was decided to defer further discussion of this item until Nancy is present.

Because of the problems with service at the restaurant, there were discussions of an alternate meeting place. Steve indicated he is still looking for a possible site. Bob Allphin is also to check on a place he is aware of.

The WRTC team championship is coming up. The SEDXC has been invited to participate. A team captain must be selected by December. The three nominees for this position are John Laney - K4BAI, Bob Allphin - K4UEE, and Bill Fisher - KM9P. It was decided that the club officers would make the selection on behalf of the club. Resumes must be received from all parties within ten days so the selection committee can review qualifications and make a decision by the deadline.

K4UEE presented an excellent program on his Easter Island Dxpedition.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 PM.

73 & DX, Buddy, W4OUN

## TREASURER'S REPORT

-Nancy Draheim, NK4U

Balance 10/31/95 (Checkbook)	<u>\$2616.15</u>
Income:	<u>\$111.00</u>
Expenses:	
Newsletter	99.89
CEØZ	45.00*
Balance Checking 11/30/95	<u>\$2471.26</u>

\* Remainder of member's donations.

Best wishes for a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Peaceful New Year to all.

73, Nancy NK4U

## BEEPS DE K2UFT

-Dick Bentley, K2UFT, Activities Director

Join us at the Holiday Party on December 19. To make it fun, select an item from your junk box, preferably something that defies description, wrap in holiday wrap and bring it to the meeting, placing it on the table provided therefore. You will then pick a number out of the hat.

At the time for gift exchanging, when it's your turn you will either open a gift or "grab" a previously opened gift from another member. The "grabee" then gets to open another gift or grab a different previously opened gift.

As you can see, after about 30 or so rounds of this, mayhem will ensue, but its great fun for all and you've gotten rid of an unwanted junk box item.

Hope to see you next Tuesday.

-73 Dick, K2UFT

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## DX TIDBITS

-Rick, N4XMX

Contest time again!! I told myself that I would try to pick up some low band countries during the next dew contests. The more I holler on SSB, the more I like CW contests!

During CQWW SSB, I made a point of trying to work Mike, K4PI, down at P49I on 160. Very unusual for Mike to be in a phone contest but I had P4 on everything except 160 phone. Mike had announced he would be doing a 160 single band so this was my chance. By the time I got to the radio Saturday night, P49I was rising and falling into the noise. He would rise up, work a few stations, and fade away. After 10 minutes of calling, he finally heard me! Of course he said I was going up and down as well.

Except for a few alligator stations down in the Caribbean, it was pretty quiet on 160 meters. Still breaking in the neighbors, so kept the power around 1 KW.

On the other hand, 40 and 80 were very good and crowded. I heard and worked people on 80 I didn't know I could hear. Worked some EU, one call between the massive pileups of the M/M. Picked up about nine band countries in a short time.

Worked an ET on 20 just because a few years ago, it was unthinkable. Similar to the ZA on 40 which I did not get. SU2MT had a very good pileup going on 40, too good in fact for me to get through!

As time went by though during the day, I couldn't resist a quick run up 15 meters to EU to just work everyone I heard, F, G, EA, IK's, it didn't matter. I do make a point of working those who are good QSL'ers or managers.

I was visiting my folks in Richmond during Thanksgiving this year and so stuck my toes in CQWW CW at his QTH. My dad lives on the top of a hill and has proper dipoles for 40 and 80 meters. Hard to beat! Nothing for 160 but I'm working on that! He runs a Kenwood TS-450 and the Ameritron AL- 811, about 600 watts. My father mostly ragchews with his buddies on 75m so it was quite a change to watch me rake them in during the contest!

My CW isn't the greatest but listening a few times to the contest calls would usually allow me to figure out the fast boys. I would amaze him by

speeding up the memory keyer to 45+ to feed it back to them as fast as they send it. The odd thing is, they usually did just fine! I also showed him how the people sending 10-15 wpm never got called because they were too slow. Many of the pileups I broke were because I was *faster* than the pack.

Then it was back home to the ARRL 160 contest. Not able to spend a large amount of time but did come up with a few new states. The big one was ON4UN. He had a marvelous signal in the DX window and I was surprised by how the crowd stood by and allowed me to work him. It took a few tries to get the call right but there it was. If you work ANY EU on 160, it has to be the man! After all, he wrote the book!

-CU in the pileups...

Rick, N4XMX

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## NEW 1996 ARRL AWARDS COSTS

From 1 January 1996, the ARRL will apply the following costs for awards and endorsements: for VUCC and DXCC 10\$ for the first certificate and 5\$ for the endorsements (Pin included); copies are 5\$ and pins 5\$.

First DXCC application for ARRL member will be free for the first 12 QSL (before there was no limits), for endorsements 10\$ every year for the first 100 QSLs.

First DXCC application for non-ARRL members will be 10\$ for the first 120 QSLs, for endorsements 20\$ every year for the first 100 QSLs.

For all, every QSL added over the above limits will cost 10 cents more. For the QSL check during Conventions or in ARRL offices 2\$, with a limit of 120 QSLs for each application. At these cost it is necessary to add the amount for the QSLs returned.

For WAS new costs are: Award 5\$; Endorsements 2\$; 5BWAS 10\$ (Pin included); 5BWAS Plaque 25\$; (add amounts for QSL returned for all the awards and endorsements); Pin 5BWAS 5\$.

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# CQ 160 IS COMING UP GET READY!!!

## **AD4NQ Paul Wolfe SK**

As you are all probably now aware, Paul Wolfe, AD4NQ, became a silent key on November 5, 1995 as a result of a tragic accident while working on his tower. He left behind a wife and four children. It was discussed and agreed upon during the November club meeting that the SEDX Club would make a concerted effort to take up a collection on behalf of the club members. The proceeds of this collection would be donated to the Paul David Wolfe Children Educational Fund in the name of the SEDX Club and its membership.

As club members, through our modest dues structure we are asked to support various causes: DXpeditions, hamfests, packet clusters, etc. This is a case, however, where the club can support a sincerely worthy cause and through the goodwill of amateur radio help alleviate some of the hardships the Wolfe family will have to face. As those of us with families know, one of our greatest concerns each day is what would become of our loved ones if we were not around to care for them. If we would all consider making some type of donation (and no size is too small), with approximately 200 club members we could make a considerable contribution to the AD4NQ fund.

With the holiday season upon us, let us try to feel the spirit for our friend Paul and his family, and make some contribution to this cause. With our numbers, the club can make a genuine impact in a worthwhile endeavor.

Please send all contributions payable to the SEDXC on behalf of the Paul David Wolfe Children Educational Fund to:

The Southeastern DX Club  
PO Box 19871  
Atlanta, GA 30325

The club will then present a composite check to the fund on behalf of the membership.